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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Gregory Burks, 22, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 188 months in prison without parole for selling approximately 50 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover police officer on May 24, 2006. Burks pleaded guilty to this charge on April 20, 2007.

Burks' penalty was enhanced because he has two prior convictions for violent crimes. Burks' co-defendant, Melvin Jackson, was previously sentenced by Judge Crabb on May 22, 2007, to 188 months in prison.

The charges against Burks were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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